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EXDIS, LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND RICHARD MOOSE

FOLLWOING REPEAT USUN 2680 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 21 AUG 77

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2680

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT AS DESIRED

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK

SUBJECT: PRESSURE ON RHODESIA

1. AT END OF DISCUSSION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ON AUGUST 20,  
UK PERMREP RICHARD RAISED WITH LEONARD QUESTION OF JOINT  
SCENARIO FOR RHODESIA. RICHARD SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND  
PRUPOSE OF TAKING MATTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL UNLESS SMITH  
HAD AGREED TO UK/US PROPOSALS, AN UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY.  
"WHERE IS THE STICK" THAT WILL BRING SMITH TO ACCEPT PLAN  
EVEN IF POPULAR FRONT HAS WHOLEHEARTEDLY BACKED THE PLAN,  
ANOTHER UNLIKELY EVENTUALITY. THE SANCTIONS THAT UK AND US  
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COULD PROPOSE IN ORDER TO BRING SMITH INTO LINE WERE NOT  
AT HAND.

2. LEONARD RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT THOUGHT ANY SANCTIONS  
WERE TO BE PROPOSED TO SECURITY COUNCIL, MUCH LESS ENACTED,  
AT MOMENT WHEN UK/US PROPOSALS ARE SURFACED. RATHER A PER-  
IOD OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIY WOULD ENSUE IN WHICH WORLD OPINION,

MOBILIZED THRU SECURITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF PROPOSALS, WOULD OPERATE ON SMITH AND VORSTER. IF THESE POLITICAL PRESSURES FAULED TO PRODUCE DESIRED RESULT, AS MIGHT WELL BE THE CASE, WE WOULD THEN INDEED NEED A STICK. LEONARD NOTED THERE HAD BEEN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS OF "OIL WEAPON" AND HE PERSONALLY COULD ENVISAGE SOME GRADUATED PRESSURE BEING EXERTED IN THIS AREA THROUGH "JAW-BONING" WELL BEFORE ANY LEGAL MEASURE WAS RESORTED TO VIA; SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION. HE RECOGNIZED THAT A RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES WAS UNDER DISCUSSION AND HOPED THEY WOULD BE URGENTLY THOUGHT THROUGH.

3. RICHARD MERELY REITERATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT WHOLE PACKAGE, CARROTS AND STICKS INCLUDED, WAS TO BE PUT FORWARD AT ONE TIME AND THAT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE WHAT EFFECTIVE STICKS COULD ACCEPT.

4. COMMENT: IF OUR UNDERSTANDING IS WRONG, PLEASE ADVISE. IF WE ARE ON RIGHT TRACK, RICHARD STILL HAS VERY VALID POINT SINCE OUR PRESENTATIONS OF PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONVINCING UNLESS WE CAN INDICATE PRIVATELY WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO DO, ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, I WOULD ASSUME, IN CASE SMITH SIMPLY REJECTS OUR PROPOSALS AND STONEWALLS.

LEONARD  
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